

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification on page 9, beginning on line 8, as follows:

Example 1

The following Example describes a method for transformation of Escherichia Coli (E. coli) with pUC18 plasmid: 100 μ l competent E. coli cells are mixed with magnetically susceptible particles at 0°C with 500 μ g pUC18 dissolved in 30 μ l 0.05 M CaCl₂.